GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LOCKING SYSTEM ON TANKS AND LORRIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil Corporations have started fitting the unapproved locking system on the tank/ lorries engaged in the transportation of petrol and diesel;

(b) whether the provision is bound to reach immediately on the spot for opening the locks etc. to prevent fire/blast for the safety of the public in case of accident of tank/lorries;

(c) whether this system is in violation of different condition of the licence and requirements of explosive rules; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officials of oil terminals of PSUs at Panipat for violating the explosive rules?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have started fitting security locking system on tank trucks to curb adulteration which is duly approved by Petroleum Explosive Safety Organization (PESO) formerly Department of Explosives.

(b): In case of accident of vehicle, a person can immediately reach the site of accident for opening the locks etc. The locks provided in tank trucks help in preventing leakage of the product, thereby minimizing the chances of fire and it also helps environmental protection. Transporter/tank truck crew are trained to take action in case of fire. Fire equipment is available at all times with tank truck. All the tank truck crew also carry the certificate for handling petroleum products.

(c): No, Sir. The system is approved by Chief Controller of Explosives, Nagpur.

(d): Does not arise in view of

(e) above.